

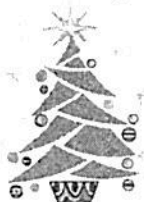
December 2017

I.S. 303 Parent Coordinator Newsletter



Ms. Barrow, Parent Coordinator

Ready or not...Here comes the holidays!



These next three weeks that lead us to the winter holidays will fly by, with extra social activities and distractions along the way. As we all know, every day of the school year is essential in helping our students to meet their academic goals. We cannot afford to put our learning on hold as we approach this busy and exciting time of year. Fortunately, by working together, we can help all of our students to enjoy the holiday season, and maintain their ability to attend to their learning in school. Here are some holiday suggestions:

- * Keep bedtimes consistent. Sleep is the best predictor of daily productivity. If children stay up late at holiday events, they will not do their best the next day. Whenever possible, make evening plans for weekends so that week nights remain consistent and aligned with the routines of homework and bedtime.
- * Maintain a healthy diet. Holidays bring with them lots of extra treats! Please help your child to learn that a healthy, balanced diet is important for growing bodies, and that moderation is the key when it comes to treats!
- * Encourage your child to meet a specific goal over the next few weeks at school - a perfect homework award, or perfect attendance for the month of December - and work together to keep track of his/her progress. Using positive reinforcement (stickers or stamps) is a great way to encourage on-going success and possibly include a special small prize. On the last day of school offer an opportunity for celebration for goals met.
- * Be mindful of attendance and tardiness. Children who miss school, or arrive late, are at a disadvantage toward doing their very best. Make every effort to get to school every day, and on time - especially during this very busy time of year. Letters were recently sent home to the parents of students who have been absent an excessive number of days. Please alert us if there is a family emergency so that our Guidance office can guide you in the process of seeking assistance in any way we can.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, December 12th, -Picture Retake Day.

Friday, December 15th, - Holiday Show Dress Rehearsal

Saturday & Monday, December 16th & 18th - Holiday Show (Collaborative event with IS 303 & NIA)

Monday, December 18th, SLT / PTA Meeting (4:30 - 7:30)

Wednesday, December 20th REED Cap & Gown 8th Grade Measurement Day

Monday-Monday December 25th - January 1, Winter Recess (School Closed)

Monday January 15th , Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School Closed)

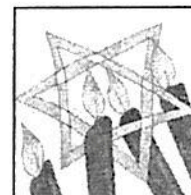


Our Holiday Concert

Celebrate the sounds of the holiday season with us ! The I.S.303 and NIA will present a festive concert. Join us and make your holiday memorable!

The Holiday Concert will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 11:00 am at I.S. 303's school auditorium.

There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 for this event.



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